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STORAGE CARTRIDGE FOR STORING DATA)
IN A STORAGE MEDIUM)

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[0012] Still further provided is a magnetic tape medium, wherein the magnetic tape medium comprises a first user data section and a second user data section. The first user data section comprises a faster access storage space than the second user data section. A first set of data to be written with less access delay than a second set of data is written to the first user data section and the second set of data is written to the second user data section.

[0019] In accordance with SCSI tape commands, the host application 22 would write data records sequentially to the tape drive 20. To retrieve data records, the host application 22